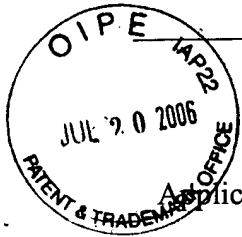


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced patent application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.